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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the document listed below and on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are enclosed.

FOREIGN PATENTS:

<u>Patent No.</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Publication Date</u>
5-313033	Japan	November 26, 1993
6-334272	Japan	December 2, 1994
7-321409	Japan	December 8, 1995
7-335975	Japan	December 22, 1995
8-88441	Japan	April 2, 1996
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9-275242	Japan	October 21, 1997
11-84764	Japan	March 30, 1999
2000-231279	Japan	August 22, 2000
2000-305339	Japan	November 2, 2000
2000-347476	Japan	December 15, 2000
2001-290319	Japan	October 19, 2001
2002-182456	Japan	June 26, 2002

REMARKS

English translations of the above-listed foreign references are not readily available to Applicants' attorney, but may be provided if required by the Examiner. An English abstract obtained from a commercial data base also is attached for each of the foreign patent documents as an English language statement of relevance for the Examiner's consideration. Further in this regard, JP 11-34764, JP 2000-305339, JP 2000-347476, JP 2000-321279 and JP 2001-290319 are cited at page 2 of the specification, and are believed pertinent for the reasons set forth therein.

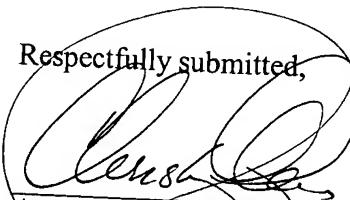
FEE STATEMENT

The present Information Disclosure Statement is being filed within three months of the filing date of the present application, or prior to the mailing of an initial official action. Accordingly, Applicants believe that no fee is required. Nevertheless, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee necessitated by this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

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